GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5422
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IMPPORT OF RICE FROM MYANMAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to import 50,000 tonnes of rice from Myanmar despite buffer stock of rice in FCI godowns; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : Government has taken a decision on 5.5.2000 for import of 50,000 MTs of rice by the State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (STC) from Myanmar, for distribution in the North-Eastern States through the State Public Distribution System at such landed cost which is within the economic cost worked out on the basis of present supply of rice to the North-East from domestic sources in Punjab and Andhra Pradesh.

The above decision has been taken under the Indo-Myanmar Bilateral Trade agreement signed on 27th March, 1970 and the Indo-Myanmar Border Trade Agreement in New Delhi on 21st January, 1994 between the two countries.